



# **ALTERNATIVE ENTERPRISE AND AGRITOURISM: FARMING FOR PROFIT AND SUSTAINABILITY TOOL KIT**

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**<<http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/RESS/econ/ressd.htm>>**

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### **Alternative Agriculture/Sustainable Agriculture**

National SARE and Sustainable Agriculture Network (SNA)

<http://www.sare.org>

Southern region SARE (includes Virginia)

<http://www.griffin.peachnet.edu/sare>

Appropriate Technology Transfer For Rural Areas (ATTRA) project is operated by the National Center for Appropriate Technology. The Center is staffed by specialists in many fields of agriculture and rural community development. Staff members have

prepared dozens of papers on agriculture and community development over the past 15 years. They will assist you in literature searches and prepare information based upon your request. Web site has been improved in 2000 with a new listing of prominent agricultural databases, directories, library catalogs, and search engines on the internet. All ATTRA quarterly newsletters are now archived. Information on sustainable agricultural systems and links to similar sites and information sources has been added.

<<http://www.attra.org>>

The Missouri Alternatives Center serves as a communications center for people who are searching for information on farming, diversify current operations, find ways to profit from small amounts of acreage. It has information on over 800 topics and links to many sites that contain this information.

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/mac>

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC) is a SARE project that has been developed by the National Agricultural Library. It has assembled large quantities of information and web site links relating to sustainable agriculture, alternative enterprises and other topics.

<<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic>>

Sustainable Farming Connection

<http://metalab.unc.edu/farming-connection>

The Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture

<http://kerrcenter.com>

Small Farm Today is a magazine dedicated to the preservation and promotion of small farms, rural living, sustainability, community and agripreneurship. It has an extensive bibliography and resource reference list.

<<http://www.smallfarmtoday.com>>

Newsletter that is distributed once a month and very useful can be obtained by sending a message to

<[boardcafe@supportcenter.org](mailto:boardcafe@supportcenter.org)> and also check out

<<http://www.supportcenter.org>>

Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York

<http://ny.nofa.org>

New York state direct marketing association has gone on line to identify its roadside stands and farm markets.

<http://www.nysfdma.com>

New issues on U.S. Organic Agriculture has been added to the USDA/ERS web site

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/whatsnew/issues/organic>

Farmer to Farmer Consulting Program: Regional Farm and Food Project, Albany, NY is at:

<farmandfood@fsinter.net>

Alternative agriculture questions about marketing can be addressed to the North Central SARE office. This region has focused resources on the marketing side of alternative agriculture.

Email: [ncrsare@unl.edu](mailto:ncrsare@unl.edu)

Northeast Organic Farming Association

<<http://nofa.org>>

A Minnesota farm web site that identifies the activities for several farms ranging from farmers markets, hunting, U-pick, to overnight stays.

<<http://www.mnfarmtours.com>>

Egg Farm Dairy web site in Peekskill, NY which is used to market their products by furnishing cookbook information.

<<http://www.creamery.com/cookbook.txt>>

Sustainability Subscribe.

<<http://www.eeeee.net=20>>

Five E's Unlimited has an on-line newsletter (e-zine) entitled "Sustainability Review" and you can subscribe by going to:

<<http://eeeeee.net/ee01026.htm>>

"AgVentures" is an alternative enterprise, value added bi-monthly magazine. It now has five sections—livestock, crops, aquaculture, niche markets, and herbs. It contains case studies with names, numbers organizations, and other resources.

<<http://www.agventures.com>>

Sustainable agriculture discussion—Sanet-mg is an e-mail discussion group.

To subscribe send a message to: <[majordomo@ces.ncsu.edu](mailto:majordomo@ces.ncsu.edu)> and type "subscribe sanet-mg" in the body of the message or for the digest only type "sanet-mg-digest"

Farming Alternatives Program, Diversification and Agricultural Development web site includes FAP quarterly report, agritourism and alternative enterprise publications and Sea Grant publications.

<<http://www.cals.cornell.edu/dept/ruralsoc/fap/fap.html>>

Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association web site contains information on livestock and vegetable production, marketing and distribution, workshops, conferences, newsletter, and organic agriculture production.

<http://www.greenlink.org/oeffa>

Pennsylvania Retail Farm Market Association is a web site that lists all the farms in PA that market agricultural production, agritourism or recreation at retail. Other state web site names can be obtained by calling the state Department of Agriculture or the state Extension Service. E-mail [market@pafarm.com](mailto:market@pafarm.com).

Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture is a fast growing organization that provides small farmers with information on how to sustainable themselves.

[<http://www.PASAfarming.org>](http://www.PASAfarming.org)

Discussion list for small farmers. It is called the Market Farming discussion group. All are invited to join the discussion group regardless of their market outlet or farm size. To join, go to the web site and enter subscribe market-farming in the subject or message body. If you have problems, do an email to [lyris@franklin.oit.unc.edu](mailto:lyris@franklin.oit.unc.edu)

<http://franklin.oit.unc.edu/cgi-bin/lyris.pl>

National Commission on Small Farms tip sheets on small scale agriculture

[<http://www.sare.org/san/tipsheet/index.htm>](http://www.sare.org/san/tipsheet/index.htm)

Sustainable Farming Connection, a popular nuts and bolts website.

[<http://www.metalab.unc.edu/farming-connection>](http://www.metalab.unc.edu/farming-connection)

New Farm—Sustainable Farming Connection.

[<http://metalab.unc.edu/farming-connections>](http://metalab.unc.edu/farming-connections)

Sustainability Review is a newsletter you may receive by requesting through website.

[<http://www.eeeee.net>](http://www.eeeee.net)

Sustainable principles integrated into the development of tourist projects.

[<http://www.earthvision.net/forsite/?SubSystemID=1&ComponentID=5492>](http://www.earthvision.net/forsite/?SubSystemID=1&ComponentID=5492)

Green Technologies for a More Sustainable Agriculture is a new report from USDA Economic Research Service on sustainability issues and explores progress of U.S. agriculture to sustainability. Focus is on integrated pest management, conservation tillage, enhanced nutrient management, and precision agriculture. Is available on:

[<http://www.econ.ag.gov>](http://www.econ.ag.gov)

University of Missouri Outreach and Extension

<http://muextension.missouri.edu./xplor>

Organic Trade Association web site

[<http://www.OTA.com>](http://www.OTA.com)

Yard and Garden Line News newsletter is free online at

[<http://www.extension.umn.edu/projects/yardandgarden>](http://www.extension.umn.edu/projects/yardandgarden)

50 research briefs on topics ranging from compost to pastured poultry  
<<http://www.wisc.edu/cias>>

Organic Materials Review Institute mission is to publish lists of materials (brand name) allowed in organic food and fiber production. Go to:  
<<http://www.omri.cor>>

Providing “balanced informtion” about biotech at Colorado State University web site. A page of links leading to seed companies and antibiotech groups caution that both will certainly put a spin on the facts.  
<<http://www.colostate.edu/programs/Lifesciences/TransgenicCrops>>

Quail Unlimited is a partner in numerous conservation activities at the local level.  
<<http://www.qu.org>>

### **Socio-Economics and Data**

Conservation Buffer Initiative partial budgets are available at:  
<<http://waterhome.brc.tamus.edu/nrcSdata/models/Ced>>  
<<http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>>

Ecosystem valuation web site which explains to non-economists how economist attempt to assign values to ecosystem services.  
<http://www.ecosystemvaluation.org>

American Demographics web site at  
<http://www.americandemographics.com>>  
and a special article on the “Smorgasbord Generation” is available at  
[http://www.americandemographics.com/publications/ad/99\\_ad/9905\\_ad/ad990501](http://www.americandemographics.com/publications/ad/99_ad/9905_ad/ad990501)

Global information center on the WTO, trade and sustainable development is at  
<<http://www.wtowatch.org>>

Survey of Current Business  
<<http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/pubs.htm>>

Fish and Wildlife information surveys addressing human dimensions.  
e-mail <[southaso6@pipeline.com](mailto:southaso6@pipeline.com)>

National Marine Fisheries Service 3-volume on fishing in the Northeast region of the U.S. It contains socio-economic information about anglers.  
<<http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/econ>>

Public Land Management Partnerships—A long list of publications are available at



<<http://www.perc.org>>

“Reading the Land: How to Include Historical Information About Farms and Conservation Plans” direct path is:

<<http://people.nrcs.wisc.edu/socsciinstitute/PPCissues/PPCissues/ppc002readingthelandfinal.pdf>>

National Environmental Education and Training Foundation among other things just completed a survey on basic adult knowledge which has some very surprising results.

<<http://www.neetf.org>>

USDA history collection web site

<<http://www.nal.usda.gov/speccoll/collect/history/index.html>>

Quads at 1/25,000, 50,000, 100,000, and 200,000 in the US and HI are available. All you to is type in the name of the town close by and you have results.

<http://www.topozone.com>

Quad information and high altitude photos for some places are available at this web site.

<http://terraserver.microsoft.com>

Social Science and Economic Data Access Site contains information on over 200 data fields organized at the county level. Data comes from many sources but the user can place information into standardized tables.

<<http://people.nrcs.wisc.edu/customdata>>

Great Plains Framework for Agricultural Resource Management Decision Support System

<<http://www.gpsr.colostate.edu/GPFARM>>

NRCS Economic Data Site

<<http://www.waterhome.tamu.edu/NRCSdata>>

NRCS data resources and links to other data

<[http://www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/nsdi\\_node](http://www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/nsdi_node)>

Natural Resources Inventory data base

<[http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/nri\\_sumbook](http://www.nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/nri_sumbook)>

Map Unit Interpretations Records (MUIR) database or all soils information on each county soil mapping unit

<<http://www.statlab.iastate.edu/soils/muir>>

NRCS National Hydric Soils List used for wetland determination

<<http://www.statlab.iastate.edu/soils/hydric/national>>

National Soil Characterization Data

<[http://ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/natl\\_char](http://ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/natl_char)>

SSURGO Soil Data base which is a listing of all counties with completed "GOOD" digitized county soil survey information.

<<http://www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/ssur2>>

STATSGO Soil Geographic Data Base has national digitized soils coverage.

<<http://www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/statsgo>>

Digital Orthophotography Data Base is a listing of digitized areas.

<<http://www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/statsgo>>

All USDA, Economic Research Service analysis and reports sent out in many cases daily

<<http://www.econ.ag.gov>>

USDA, National Agricultural and Statistics Service statistics and reports sent out daily

<<http://www.usda.gov/nass>>

All Census and Agricultural Census Data

<<http://www.census.gov>>

Economic statistics of the Bureau of Economic Analysis

<<http://www.bea.doc.gov>>

NRCS Economists Usage Site

<<http://people.nrcs.wisc.edu/insite>>

NRCS Economist Directory

<http://www.waterhome.tamu.edu/NRCSdata>>

NRCS economists listserv

<<http://www.listserv@npnet.np.nrcs.usda.gov>>

National spatial data for making computer maps of the Federal Geographic Data Committee.

<<http://wntcpo.wntc.nrcs.usda.gov/da>>

OMB Circular No A-94 of federal economic analysis directions and discount rates.

<<<http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OMB/html/circulars/a094.html>>

U.S.Global Change Data and Information System has pointers which make it easy for the general public to understand.

<<http://www.gcdis.usgcrp.gov>>

Human Dimensions of Recreational Fisheries.

<<http://lutra.tamu.edu/hdrfish.htm>>

State population, income and agriculture data.

<<http://www.econ.ag.gov/facts>>

Agriculture economic trends and rural communities analysis is published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. A number of the studies are about the industrialization of agriculture.

<<http://www.kc.frb.org>>

Tournament Angler Surveys.

<<http://lutra.tamu.edu/rbd/tourn.htm>>

NRCS Ecosystem Benefits--Environmental Benefits Valuation Techniques.

<<http://www.cbl.umces.edu/~mattia/NRCS/title.htm>>

The Regional Research Institute at West Virginia University sponsors a Web Book of Regional Science. This “book” is a collection of works in regional science, including (but not limited to) regional economics.

<<http://www.rrl.wvu.edu/regscweb.htm>>

NASS Home Page where you can get Census of Agriculture and Historic Data

<<http://www.usda.gov/nass>>

This is probably the best one site coverage of natural resource economics that has so far been developed.

<<http://ecosystemvaluation.org>>

### **Agritourism**

The Farm/Ranch Recreation web site contains individual state listings on farm/ranch operations.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/ranchrecre>

Scenic Byways program funds are used for corridor management planning, marketing, and starting new programs. For more information go to the web site.

<http://www.byways.org>

National Tourism Education Listserv can be joined by entering “subscribe” as the subject and send to

<[TOURISMED@lists.cas.psu.edu](mailto:TOURISMED@lists.cas.psu.edu)>

A publication on ranch vacations that includes details on individual ranches, travel planning and tour packages that is a must for ranch entrepreneurs.

<<http://www.ranchweb.com>>

“AgVentures” is an alternative enterprise, value added bi-monthly magazine. It now has five sections—livestock, crops, aquaculture, niche markets, and herbs. It contains case studies with names, organizations and other resources.

<<http://www.agventures.com>>

Sportfishing and Boating Partnership Council

<<http://www.fws.gov/r9sfbpc>>

Government interagency Web site for recreation on Federally owned lands.

<<http://www.recreation.gov>>

New York web site on tourism and newsletters

<<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/seagrant/tourism.html>>

Indian River Lagoon is a site where many photos and graphics make visitors feel they are at the lagoon

<<http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/oceans/lagoon>>

Montana extension homepage on tourism and community development

<<http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~acxds>>

Tourism activity in South Carolina.

<<http://www.prt.state.sc.us>>

Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation mission is to implement a program that will increase participation in recreational fishing and boating. The Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act has dedicated \$36 million to a five-year national outreach and communication effort. For more information go to:

<http://www.rbff.org>>

Save Outdoor Sculpture is a joint project of Heritage Preservation and the Smithsonian's National Museum of American Art. The SOS web site has more information.

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/SOS/sosmain.html>

Tourism educators list for Montana.

<<http://www.montana.edu/wwwcommand/faculty.htm>>

Travel, tourism, research advertising and temporary—consultants.

<<http://www.turnaroundmarketing.com>>

Farming Alternatives, Cornell's Agriculture Development and Diversification Program.

<<http://www.cals.cornell.edu/dept/ruralsoc/fap/fap.html>>

National Extension Tourism Proceedings, 1998.

<<http://www.cas.nercrd.psu.edu/publication/ntc.html>>

“Outdoor Recreation in American Life” is a comprehensive book on national demand and supply. It also includes the “National Survey on Privately Owned Lands” results about recreation on private lands and owners attitudes about conservation and regulation.

<<http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/recreation>>

“The Growing Popularity of Birding in the United States” publication.

<<http://www.srs.fs.fed.us/recreation/recent.html>>

Sustainable principles integrated into the development of tourist projects.

<<http://www.earthvision.net/forsite/?SubSystemID=1&ComponentID=5492>>

Recreation Lakes Study Commission report on current recreational use and future demand for water-based recreation on federal waters.

<<http://www.doi.gov/nrls>>

South Carolina state parks recreation and tourism

<<http://www.prt.state.sc.us>>

Retirement Studies Laboratory of the Strom Thurmond Institute

<<http://www.strom.clemson.edu/programs.html>>

University of Missouri Outreach and Extension

<http://muextension.missouri.edu/xplor>

Giziibii RC&D is an example of wood products and Native American Crafts web site.

<<http://www.mncrafted.com>>

Cultural and Heritage Tourism web sites are located at TAB XII

Handmade in America. Agritourism web site in NC. Go to:

<<http://www.wnccrafts.org>>

The following are web sites of university Departments of Recreation, Parks Management and Tourism. These sites include extension staff as well as researchers and others involved in recreation and tourism activities. Check out your own university tourism and recreation and cooperative extension web sites.

Arizona [www.asu.edu/copp/recreation](http://www.asu.edu/copp/recreation)

Florida [www.hhp.ufl.edu/rpt](http://www.hhp.ufl.edu/rpt)

Illinois [www.wiu.edu/users/mirpta](http://www.wiu.edu/users/mirpta)

[www.leisurestudies.uiuc.edu](http://www.leisurestudies.uiuc.edu)

Maine [www.forest-resources.umaine.edu](http://www.forest-resources.umaine.edu)

Massachusetts <http://bondo.wsc.ma.edu/dept/garp>  
[www.http://HRTA/FNR/UMASS.EDU](http://www.http://HRTA/FNR/UMASS.EDU)

Michigan [www.msu.edu/~ptrt](http://www.msu.edu/~ptrt)

Pennsylvania [www.hrrm.psu.edu](http://www.hrrm.psu.edu)

North Carolina [www.cfr.ncsu.edu/prtm](http://www.cfr.ncsu.edu/prtm)

[www.unc.edu/depts/recreate](http://www.unc.edu/depts/recreate)

North Dakota [www.und.nodak.edu/dept/rls](http://www.und.nodak.edu/dept/rls)

South Carolina [www.hehd.clemson.edu/PRTM](http://www.hehd.clemson.edu/PRTM)

Utah [www.byu.edu/rmyl](http://www.byu.edu/rmyl)

Virginia [www.chre.vt.edu/admin/HTM/main.htm](http://www.chre.vt.edu/admin/HTM/main.htm)

Texas [www.rpts.tamu.edu/rpts](http://www.rpts.tamu.edu/rpts)

Watchable Wildlife Organization

[<http://watchablewildlife.org>](http://watchablewildlife.org)

Environmental News Network has eco-travel, organic alternative enterprises and other information available as well as a free news letter and daily email deliveries.

[<http://www.enn.com>](http://www.enn.com)

There 14 pages of tourism web sites located at TAB IX on getting started, liability issues, regulatory issues, and marketing on agritourism.

### **Ideas**

Agricultural Services web site listing 140 publications full of ideas for science projects.

[<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ttic/misc/juvag.htm>](http://www.nal.usda.gov/ttic/misc/juvag.htm) and you may also contact Kate Hayes at email: [khayes@nal.usda.gov](mailto:khayes@nal.usda.gov)

Green Communities Assistance Kit is designed to help work toward a healthy environment, a strong economy, and a high quality of life.

[<http://www.epa.gov/region3/greenkit>](http://www.epa.gov/region3/greenkit)

Farm School for Kids—Program offers special on hands experience for 3-11 year olds.

[<email: hmcf@mailcity.com>](mailto:hmcf@mailcity.com)

Earth Day is tied into EnviroLink to collect information for Earth Day.

[<http://www.envirolink.org/earthday>](http://www.envirolink.org/earthday)

Effective Meeting Tips

[<http://www.effectivemeetings.com>](http://www.effectivemeetings.com)

Public Land Management Partnerships—A long list of publications are available at

[<http://www.perc.org>](http://www.perc.org)

National Envirothon program is a problem-solving environmental competition for high school students. Over \$35,000 in prizes and scholarships will be given out this year.

<<http://www.envirothon.org>>

An e-newsletter "Tidbits" about tourism. The organization also offers seminars, courses, and other tourism programs.

<<http://www.TourismandMore.com>>

### **Conservation and Technical Assistance**

Adopt-A-Watershed activities in Maine.

E-mail Jesse Miller at <[jessesf@earthlink.net](mailto:jessesf@earthlink.net)>

National Conservation Buffer Initiative newsletter with bi-weekly summaries and bi-monthly publications can be found at

<[www.nacdnet.org/buffers/buff-1.htm](http://www.nacdnet.org/buffers/buff-1.htm)>

Newsletter that is distributed once a month and very useful can be obtained by sending a message to

<[boardcafe@supportcenter.org](mailto:boardcafe@supportcenter.org)> and also check out

<<http://www.supportcenter.org>>

Two new Economic Research Service web sites. Domestic Conservation and Environmental Policies Briefing Room

<[http://www.econ.ag.gov/briefing/con\\_env/index.htm](http://www.econ.ag.gov/briefing/con_env/index.htm)>

and New at ERS

<<http://www.econ.ag.gov/new-at-ers>> and to subscribe go to:

<<http://www.econ.ag.gov/whatsnew/subscribe>>

Organic growers web site

<<http://www.rain.org/~sals/my.html>>

Conservation Technology Information Center leads the development of public/private partnerships which promote the enhancement of soil and water quality.

<[www.ctic.purdue.edu](http://www.ctic.purdue.edu)>

Great Plains Framework for Agricultural Resource Management Decision Support System

<<http://www.gpsr.colostate.edu/GPFARM>>

Scientific information on all plants

<<http://www.ppants.usda.gov>>

Environment and Ecology information.

<<http://www.peak.org/~mageet/tkm/ecolenv.htm>>

PA Agronomy Guide to addresss agronomic issues.

<<http://AgGuide.agronomy.psu.edu>>

Seabird protection and fishing—See Fishermen's Quick Reference Guide.

<<http://swr.ucsd.edu/hcd/action.htm>>

Farm\*A\*Syst, Home\*A\*Syst, Forest A Syst—How to check the environmental quality of your farm, home and forest.

<<http://www.wisc.edu/farmasyst>>

< homeasyst>

< forestasyst>

Volunteer Environmental Monitoring Directory –EPA monitoring program directory.

<<http://www.epa.gov/owow.monitoring/vol.html>>

National Marine Fisheries Services "Fishing Ethics Guidelines."

<<http://www.cnn.com/NATURE/9904/01/fishing.enn/index.html>>

National Library for the Environment contains seven free and very useful information resources.

<<http://www.cnir.org>>

Endangered specie values information can be found.

<<http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/econ/pubs.html>>

Urban forestry information on events, activities, research etc.

<<http://www.treelink.org>>

Water quality demonstration project reports.

<<http://www.nal.usda.gov/wqic/wgwq/demoeval.html>>

Light pollution is becoming more of a problem in many areas of the country. To find out more information about it, go to the web site.

<http://www.darksky.org>

Watershed information proceedings for the 1996 and later annual conferences. It contains the plenary talks and related web sites.

<<http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/watershed/w96index.html>>

Conservation Buffer Job Sheets.

<[http://www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/nhcp\\_2.html](http://www.ncg.nrcs.usda.gov/nhcp_2.html)>

EnviroLink Network site is one of the most comprehensive, up-to-date environmental resources available. It has over 400 environmental non-profit organizations associated with it.

<<http://www.envirolink.org>>



1996 Farm Bill Conservation published rules  
<<http://nhq.nrcs.usda.gov/OPA/FB960OPA/FBRules>>

River Network mission is to help people organize to protect and restore rivers and watersheds.  
<<http://www.rivernetwork.org>>

Fish and Wildlife restoration and protection projects and programs. It is the Sport Fish and Wildlife web site:  
<<http://www.restorewildlife.org>>

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) Research Foundation is developing State guides to environmental laws affecting agriculture.  
<<http://www.nasda-hq.org>>

National Agricultural Compliance Assistance Center is at  
<<http://es.epa.gov/oeca/ag>>

Global changes in national and international environment is published by Consequences at  
<<http://www.gcrio.org/CONSEQUENCES/introCON.html>>

Online National Library for the Environment has added more new free resources.  
<http://www.cnie.org>

NACD web site  
<<http://www.nacdnet.org>>

Riparian buffer web site that is excellent has been development of University of Maryland.  
<http://www.riparianbuffers.umd.edu/home.html>

National American Indian/Alaskan Native NRCS web site.  
<http://www.aianea.com>

National Wildlife Federation has a BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM.  
<http://www.nwf.org>

New York holds an annual Land Conservation Conference  
<http://www.lta.org>

Who will pay for on-farm environmental improvements in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A symposium held at the National Agricultural Library.  
<http://nal.usda.gov/wqic/ResourceGuide.html>

USDA/NRCS Soil Quality Institute  
<http://www.statlab.iastate.edu/survey/SQI>

Center for New Crops and Plant Products  
<http://hort.purdue.edu/newcrop>

The site offers new online searchable field guides to over 4,800 plant and animal species.  
<<http://www.enature.com> and also try <http://scout.cs.wisc.edu>>

Status report on national drought as it pertains to agriculture, wildfire danger and water components of drought.  
<<http://www.enso.unl.edu/monitor/index.html>>

A non-profit organization dedicated to the search for principles of ecological agriculture.  
<<http://www.landinstitute.org>>

National Watershed Manual available at  
<[http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/tech\\_notes.html](http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/tech_notes.html)> and  
<[http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/tech\\_ref.htm](http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/tech_ref.htm)>

Federal Global Change Data and Information System  
<<http://www.gcdis.usgcrp.gov>>

Cropchoice.com is a web site and news service for American farmers that are dedicated to issues related to biotechnology in agriculture.  
<<http://www.cropchoice.com>>

### **Financial Assistance**

A good site with non-profit information, resources and links  
<<http://www.idealists.org>>

Catalog of Domestic Federal Programs.  
<<http://www.family.info.gov/cfda/index.htm>>

Chronicle of Philanthropy.  
<<http://philanthropy.com>>

Small Business Innovation Research program grants.  
<<http://www.reeusda.gov/sbir>>

Funds and grants.  
<<http://www.fundraiser.com>>

Consultants Registry Online is a central registry of individuals and firms offering consulting services.

<<http://Philanthropy-Review.com/consultants>>

Environmental Justice Grant program information is available on

<http://egroups.com/docvault/rcandd/Temporary%20Files%20-%20Use%20this%20to%20store%20Short%20Term%20Documents>

An excellent data base for grants is

<http://www.sonoran.org/cat/default.asp>

Farm loans guaranteed by FSA and beginning farmers loans

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafl/flphome.htm>

This is a list of funding programs and contact numbers for agricultural loan programs.

<http://www.cainc.org>

For New York state farmers

<http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/rfp/RFPGrowNY.pdf>

Smart Growth assistance can be obtained at the Glynwood Center in NY. For details, go to:

<<http://www.glynwood.org>>

The Foundation Center has a list of foundations that provide funding with links to applications for each foundation. Go to

<<http://www.fdncenter.org>>

## **Marketing**

The Farm/Ranch Recreation web site contains individual state listings on farm/ranch operations.

<http://www.uwyo.edu/ranchrecre>

Alternative agriculture questions about marketing can be addressed by the North Central SARE office. This region has focused resources on the marketing side of alternative agriculture.

Email: [ncrsare@unl.edu](mailto:ncrsare@unl.edu)

An example of how alternative enterprise farmers are marketing their products on the web.

<http://www.soapshed.com/soaps.html>

North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association

<<http://www.nafdma.com>>

Horsepower.com is a business-to-business online marketplace enabling farmers and agribusiness companies to conduct business direct with one another.

<http://www.horsepower.com>

Ecolabeling web site in Europe is available.

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/dg11/ecolabel>

The Nebraska OUTBACK web site is a very good example of marketing a destination of several activities in this RC&D area.

[<http://nebraskaoutback.com>](http://nebraskaoutback.com)

A Minnesota farm web site that identifies the activities for several farms ranging from farmers markets, hunting, U-pick, to overnight stays.

[<http://www.mnfarmtours.com>](http://www.mnfarmtours.com)

Egg Farm Dairy web site in Peekskill, NY which is used to market their products by furnishing cookbook information.

[<http://www.creamery.com/cookbook.txt>](http://www.creamery.com/cookbook.txt)

A publication on ranch vacations that includes details on individual ranches, travel planning and tour packages that is a must for ranch entrepreneurs.

[<http://www.ranchweb.com>](http://www.ranchweb.com)

Recreational fishing and boating National Outreach and Communication Program and Foundation.

[<http://www.fws.gov/r9sfbpc>](http://www.fws.gov/r9sfbpc)

Direct Marketing—USDA web site on selling from farm to consumers.

[<http://www.ams.usda.gov/directmarketing>](http://www.ams.usda.gov/directmarketing)

Customer service excellence—Learn more about it at:

[<http://www.fedlearn.com/calendar/more\\_info/tschohl\\_jun2.htm>](http://www.fedlearn.com/calendar/more_info/tschohl_jun2.htm)

Resources for farmers' markets and market farmers is web site maintained by Jeff Ishee who is an agricultural talk show host and author of Dynamic Farmers' Markets.

[<http://www.emarketfarm.com>](http://www.emarketfarm.com)

Garden Marketing Magazine web site.

[<http://www.gardenmarketing.com>](http://www.gardenmarketing.com)

National Organic Program of USDA web site.

[<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop)

North American Farmers Direct Marketing Association web site contains annual proceedings, tours, conferences and other information about the association. It provides a

listing of all direct marketing members—phone numbers, email and addresses. It is a good source to develop direct marketing farmer and rancher contacts.

<<http://www.nafdma.com>>

USDA-AMS- Farmer Direct Marketing Web site is a listing and abstracts of 20 regional and national direct marketing associations.

<[http://www.ams.usda.gov/directmarketing/reg+nat\\_assoc.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/directmarketing/reg+nat_assoc.htm)>

Unique opportunities for all types of cooperatives to share success stories.

<<http://cooperatives.ucdavis.edu>>

USDA has a vegetable newsletter and a direct marketing newsletter.

Send email message to [Direct-mkt@reeusda.gov](mailto:Direct-mkt@reeusda.gov) and leave the subject blank and type the message <subscribe direct-mkt>. For the vegetable newsletter email [Veg-prod@reeusda.gov](mailto:Veg-prod@reeusda.gov) and leave the subject blank and type the message <subscribe veg-prod>. Do not use the brackets in your message.

### **Planning**

Rivers, Trails and Conservation program of the NPS includes landscape, community and natural resource planning with public involvement.

<<http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/rtca/rtca-of.htm>>

See TAB VII for a 14-page list of web sites in the “Tables and Abstracts” pertaining to business planning, organization and marketing.

### **Business Management**

Financing business—Download “raining money” free

<<http://www.businessfinance.com/bw/bwpropres.asp>>

Starting and Growing a Business is part of the PBS Adult Learning Service is offering via satellite.

<<http://www.pbs.org/als>>

Community, Economic and Leadership Development web site includes information on business planning and operation. Go to:

<<http://www.ag.ndsu.nodak.edu/ced/communitypage.htm>>

### **Community Development**

Rapid Resource Review is a technique that can be used for addressing a watershed or other area issues or concerns to develop a plan. For more information go to

<http://web.aces.uiuc.edu/watershed/>

Regional Rural Development Centers are located in four regions of the country. Research and specialists for the four centers can be obtained by

<<http://www.ag.iastate.edu/centers/rdev/RuralDev.html>>

<<http://www.ces.msstate.edu/~srdc/>>

<<http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/casconf/nercrd/nercrd.html>>

<<http://www.orst.edu/Dept/WRCS>>

Congressional Exchanges has information on community growth and planning.

<http://www.congex@congex.org>

Gateway Opportunities: A Guide to Federal Programs for Rural Gateway Communities, NPS,

<http://www.nps.gov/socialscience>

Board Café is a once a month very brief email newsletter that can be read in less than 5 minutes and is full of useful, interesting nonprofit board development. Send a message to <[boardcafe@supportcenter.org](mailto:boardcafe@supportcenter.org)> Also, a web site.

<http://www.supportcenter.org>

Volunteer help for the RC&D councils and other community groups can be obtained by linking your page to the volunteer site.

<http://www.volunteermatch.org>

Rural community development initiative web site. It is good to watch for upcoming NOFA to develop community capacity.

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/rcdi/index.htm>

Rural Routes Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources is a rural assistance site to help with farm crisis, health systems, and other agriculture related topics. Visit the web site at:

<<http://www.ruralroutes.unl.edu>>

Rural Information Center was developed by the National Agricultural Library to serve rural individuals and communities. It provides information on rural areas and internet access to rural information research, literature and funds.

<<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric>>

Information on Smart Growth 22 model development principles go to

<http://www.cwp.org>>

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<<http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/rtca/rtca-of.htm>

Green Communities Assistance Kit is designed to help work toward a healthy environment, a strong economy, and a high quality of life.

<<http://www.epa.gov/region3/greenkit>>

Smart Growth mission is to provide a forum for facilitating smart growth in neighborhoods, communities, and regions.

<<http://www.smartgrowth.org>>

Liveable Communities homepage.

<<http://www.livablecommunities.gov>>

Community development, Tribal community tourism assessment, ranch and farm alternative enterprises.

<<http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~acxds>>

Wilder Foundation is involved in growing in partnerships with our communities.

<<http://www.wilder.org>>

Urban agriculture information about farming the urban areas and urban and rural farm networks.

<<http://www.cityfarmer.org>>

National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils Internet Site.

<<http://www.rcdnet.org>>

RC&D Resource Site

<<http://www.sjrkd.org/sjrkd/rcdmenu.htm>>

Web site stories about Agricultural Research Service research geared to students ages 8 to 13.

<<http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/kids>>

MOU of USDA and Manufacturing Extension Partnership is to assist in rural development. Call 800-MEP-4MFG.

<<http://mep.nist.gov>>

### **Federal Agencies**

Listing to all US Government agencies

<<http://www.whitehouse.gov>>

Finding Federal information at Government Information Locator Service (ILS)  
<[http://www.gov/su\\_docs/gils.gils](http://www.gov/su_docs/gils.gils)>

Federal Courts' homepage  
<<http://www.uscourts.gov>>

The Legislative Branch  
<<http://www.policy.net/capweb/congress>>

All Federal Law  
<<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode>>

All major Federal rules and statutes in the Federal Register  
<[http://www.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/aces140](http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140)>

Key to most U.S. Government documents in the U.S. Government Printing Office  
<<http://www.access.gpo.gov>>

Tax Rules and Forms of the IRS  
<<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod>>

Environmental resources addressed by EPA  
<<http://www.epa.gov/epahome>>

Federal job listings  
<<http://www.web.fie.com/htdoc/fed/all/any/any/menu/any/subject.htm>>

U.S. Peace Corp information  
<<http://www.peacecorps.gov>>

Listing of all USDA agencies  
<<http://www.usda.gov>>

All USDA, Economic Research Service analysis and reports sent out in many cases daily  
<<http://www.econ.ag.gov>>

USDA, National Agricultural and Statistics Service statistics and reports sent out daily  
<<http://www.usda.gov/nass>>

All USDA, FSA programs and regulations  
<<http://www.fsa.gov>>

Map locator to all FSA offices  
<<http://www.aix.fsa.usda.gov/areamap>>



USDA, National Agricultural Library

<[http://www.nalusda.gov/other\\_internet\\_sites/accessw3.html](http://www.nalusda.gov/other_internet_sites/accessw3.html)>

USDA Telephone directory with most Washington D.C. numbers.

<<http://www.usda.gov/phonebook>>

USDA Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

<<http://www.reeusda.gov>>

USDA Economics and Statistics reports

<<http://www.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda>>

USDA free electronic mailing list for ERS and NASS reports

<<http://www.usda-reports@usda.mannlib.cornell.edu>>

NRCS Home Page

<<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>>

### **Internet Assistance**

How to get information off the internet for farmers, ranchers, extension agents, consultants, gardeners, etc. The title of the book is “How to Find Information on the Internet.”

<<http://www.sarep.ucdavis.edu>>

Fishing, wildlife, recreation, and human dimensions information listserve.

<<http://www.hdrfish@listserv.tamu.edu>>

U.S. Non-Profit Gateway web site network.

<<http://www.nonprofit.gov>>

Searching across a number of state extension service home pages for a topic use.

<<http://www.e-answers.org>>

Sustainability Subscribe.

<<http://www.eeeee.net=20>>

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USDA, National Agricultural Library

<[http://www.nalusda.gov/other\\_internet\\_sites/accessw3.html](http://www.nalusda.gov/other_internet_sites/accessw3.html)>

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A great subject search engine.

<<http://google.com>>

Five E's Unlimited has an on-line newsletter (e-zine) entitled "Sustainability Review" and you can subscribe by going to:

<<http://eeeeee.net/ee01026.htm>>

RC&D menu page moved due to the enlarging volume of files.

<http://www.sjrkd.org/rcdmenu/rcdmenu.htm>>

and send information by e-mail to [spquesen@erols.com](mailto:spquesen@erols.com)

National American Indian/Alaskan Native NRCS web site.

<<http://www.aianea.com>>

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<<http://www.supportcenter.org>>

This describes the internet's history, how it works, how to use it (including advanced use), security issues, and related information

<<http://www.livinginternet.com>>

A listing of hundreds of web sites available for discussion groups. Go to

<<http://www.onelist>>

### **HELP IS NEEDED!!**

Please assist in building a better information base of web sites or email addresses. Send them to <[jim.maetzold@usda.gov](mailto:jim.maetzold@usda.gov)>. The better the resource base the easier and more efficient our job. The RESSD web site will be updated quarterly and will show the latest additions to alternative enterprise, agritourism, and community development.

